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Secretaries to the Madras Government.

* 188 Q.—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of Secretaries to the Government of Madras and also the number of heads of departments in the State Government as well as the number of Andhras and Tamilians among them?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The number of Secretaries to Government (including Additional, Joint and Ex-officio Secretaries as well as the Secretary and the Joint Secretary to the State Legislature) is 21 and that of Heads of Departments is 46. Of the officers in the former category eleven speak Tamil, four Telugu, four Malayalam and two Kannada. Of the 46 officers in the latter category, twenty-seven speak Tamil, ten Telugu, five Malayalam, three Kannada and one English."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI :—" May I know why the number of Andhras is so small? Are there not more Andhras serving under this Government capable of holding these posts? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We do not go about the country selecting men. They come up by a series of promotions and proof of merit and good service."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" ఈ ఉద్యోగులలో ఎంతమంది తెలుగు మాట్లాడు తమిళులున్నారో చెప్పగలరా? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is the language that they are talking and the language that they are proficient in that is taken into account. I do not quite understand the question. Will the hon. Member in pursuance of Sri Vavilala Gopalakrishnaiah's free gift to us, put it in English."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Has the Hon. the Chief Minister suddenly forgotten Telugu? He has all along been replying to questions put in Telugu."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I can understand Telugu, but I want to be more accurate than usual."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Thank you. I want to know how many Tamilians who can speak Telugu are included in this list."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The classification is made according to the language which they speak. But if they have learnt to speak a language which they do not ordinarily speak that has to be taken into account only when they are posted to particular places. But this classification has not been made on that basis and there is no object to be served by a classification of that sort."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" The question is about appointment on the basis of linguistic qualifications and affinities. The Hon. the Chief Minister spoke of some having been included in

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the category of Tamilians as those who knew to speak Tamil. May I know whether it is the language consideration or the linguistic consideration that has formed the basis of his reply? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' I do not quite understand the distinction between 'language' and linquistic' as the hon. Member has used them. But the answer that I have given is with reference to their mother-tongue.''

SRI **ALLURI VENKATARAMA RAJU** :—'' ఒక ఇంగ్లీషువారున్నారని చెప్పారు. వారు ఇంగ్లీషువారా? లేక **Anglo-Indian** జాతివారా? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' May the hon. Member write to me so that I may find out and tell him if he is so much interested in it? ''

Rural Water-supply Scheme in Krishna district.

* 189 *Q.*—SRI V. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have stayed all the works connected with wells under the Rural Water-supply Scheme from February 1953 in Krishna district, and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' The Government have not stayed the Rural Water Supply well works in the Krishna district. But in view of depletion of the allotment made for Krishna district, the Collector was first informed by the Board of Revenue that the execution of the works which were in progress might alone be pushed through and completed. Additional funds were since provided by the Government and all the works have progressed without impediment.''

SRI V. RAMA RAO :—'' May I know the amounts granted and spent in the year 1952–53? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' In the first instance, the Board sanctioned an allotment of Rs. 2·55 lakhs, then an additional allotment (interim) of Rs. 50,000, and finally a further additional allotment of Rs. 1,50,000. Thus, the total allotment for the district works out to Rs. 4,50,000.''

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—'' In view of the fact that there is no drinking-water in many places in dry taluks, will the Government consider the desirability of providing at least one drinking-water well in each village? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' The main question relates to the Krishna district.''

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—'' I put the question only about Krishna district.''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' Places where wells are wanted are selected for this purpose.''